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INTERBODY FUSION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)	July 1, 2005
RESTORATION OF NORMAL SPINAL ANATOMY)	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that a Request for Interference with the present application was filed in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/740,747 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0133277 A1). A copy of that Request is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The cited information is also listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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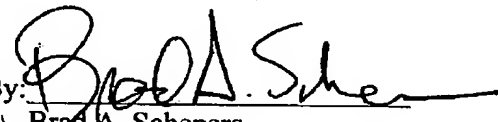
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The Request for Interference states that Claims 44 and 46-48 of the present application correspond to Claims 1-4, respectively, of the proposed count. The Request has not yet been acted on by the Examiner in the '747 application.

Also, Applicants note that the '747 application is in the same chain as U.S. Patent Application No. 07/205,935, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,015,247. The '247 patent is of record in the present application inasmuch as it was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 20, 2003.

Applicants request favorable consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 12-2424.

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